



LIBERTY HILL

FREEDOM TO GROW

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 – 6:00 PM

2801 Ranch Road 1869 – Liberty Hill (Council Chambers)

On September 14, 2020, City Council convened in Council Chambers at 2801 Ranch Road 1869. The meeting was video streamed via YouTube and available via telephone.

CALL TO ORDER

The Liberty Hill City Council Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 PM by Rick Hall – Mayor on Monday, September 14, 2020 at Council Chambers located at 2801 Ranch Road 1869.

Council Members present were Mayor Rick Hall, Mayor Pro Tem Liz Rundzieher, Steve McIntosh, Gram Lankford, Kathy Canady, and Tony DeYoung. Others present were Tad Cleaves – City Attorney, Lacie Hale – Chief Operating Officer, Nancy Sawyer – City Secretary, and Katie Wilhelmi – Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was open to the public via conference call on GoToMeeting, via YouTube with link on the City's Facebook page, and in person. Access instructions for the meeting were posted on the City Bulletin Board at Municipal Court and www.LibertyHillTX.gov. Instructions on submitting public comments were also posted with the agenda as referenced above.

PUBLIC HEARING #1

Mayor Rick Hall opened Public Hearing #1 at 6:01 PM stating:

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City Council of the City of Liberty Hill, Texas will convene a public hearing on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM at 2801 Ranch Road 1869, Liberty Hill, Texas in accordance with State Law to hear a report from the Mayor and to hear comments from the public regarding the proposed 2020 Tax Year Property Tax Rate.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.454559 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.490187 per \$100
NO NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.454908 per \$100

VOTER APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.454559 per \$100
DE MIN/MUS TAX RATE	\$0.565235 per \$100

A tax rate of \$0.454559 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Liberty Hill. This rate exceeds the lower of the no-new revenue tax rate or voter approval tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of the City of Liberty Hill proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of increased maintenance and operational expenditures, equipment, facilities, staff compensation and benefit increases, and additional personnel to enhance city services.

The no new revenue tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Liberty Hill from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter approval tax rate is the highest tax rate the City of Liberty Hill may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The de minimus tax rate is the rate the City could adopt due to COVID without voter approval.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (Rate) x (Taxable value of your property)/ 100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, contact:

Larry Gaddes, PCAC, CTA
Williamson County Tax Assessor-Collector
904 S. Main Street
512-943-1601
proptax@wilco.org
www.wilco.org

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearing on the proposed tax rate:

Public Hearing: September 14, 2020 - 6:00 PM
2801 RR 1869
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

Mayor Hall opened the floor for public comments.

OUTCOME: Following reading of comments submitted to Williamson County on the tax rate, the hearing was closed at 6:05 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING #2

Mayor Rick Hall opened Public Hearing #2 at 6:06 PM stating:

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City Council of the City of Liberty Hill, Texas will convene a public hearing on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM at 2801 Ranch Road 1869, Liberty Hill, Texas in accordance with State Law (Local Government Code, Chapter 102.0065) to hear a report from the Mayor and to hear comments from the public regarding the proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 beginning on October 1, 2020.

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$300,879, which is an 8.3% increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$280,431.

Total debt obligation for the City of Liberty Hill secured by property taxes is \$2,690,143.50.

A copy of the Proposed Budget, as submitted to City Council and filed in the City Secretary's Office, will be available for public inspection at the office of the City Secretary, 926 Loop 332, Liberty Hill, Texas 78642.

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearing on the proposed budget.

Public Hearing: 09/14/2020 - 6:00 PM
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Mayor Hall opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Bob Balzen addressed Council stating he lives outside of the City, but his business is inside City Limits. Mr. Balzen stated he felt no new positions were needed in the City. He stated that any Council member who votes for the budget should be voted out of office. Mayor Hall responded that some of the positions are a result of canceling some services the City typically contracted out and bringing those services in-house.

Sally McFeron, with the Better Together Project with mailing address in Liberty Hill, and residential address at 12909 Water Wheel in Austin, Texas addressed Council stating she appreciates the City posting the audit on the website. She stated the budget was very robust; she stated the City should not be using the non-reoccurring revenue for the items they are being

used for. She stated further that without monthly detailed accounting reports, it is difficult to understand the monthly budgets.

Following public comments, Mayor Rick Hall closed the Public Hearing at 6:15 PM, and the Public Hearings were adjourned.

PASSED and APPROVED by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS on MONDAY – September 28, 2020 on vote of 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, and 0 ABSTENTIONS.



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Rick D. Hall – Mayor

Nancy Sawyer – City Secretary